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March 02, 2010

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

#34 MARCH 2, 2010

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT AND ADVERTISE
DEMOLITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES
DRILLING AND EQUIPPING OF WATER WELL 4-85 (WATERBAG)
LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY
CITY OF LANCASTER
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, project for Drilling and Equipping of Water Well 4-85 (Waterbag) to demolish an existing 2-million-gallon reservoir and construct a freeboard detention basin in the City of Lancaster; find the project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act; adopt the plans and specifications; call for bids; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award, execute, and implement a consultant services agreement for preparation of a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY:

1. Find that this project is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for Drilling and Equipping of Water Well 4-85 (Waterbag), demolition and construction of water supply facilities in the City of Lancaster, at an estimated cost between \$1,300,000 and \$1,600,000.

BID 3/30/2010 @ 11:00 A.M.

3. Call for bids to be received on March 30, 2010.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and seal and return the plans and specifications to the Department of Public Works for filing.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans for a \$26,500 not-to-exceed fee funded by existing project funds.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended actions is to obtain the County of Los Angeles Board of Supervisors' (Board), acting as governing Board of the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, approval to adopt the plans and specifications; advertise for bids for drilling and equipping Water Well 4-85, demolition of an existing reservoir, construction of a freeboard well detention basin, and the performance of other appurtenant work; and authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to award and execute a consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans related to construction for a \$26,500 not-to-exceed fee funded by existing funds. This project will increase water supply by doubling the pumping capacity of groundwater.

The proposed consultant services agreement with the apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid to prepare a baseline construction schedule and environmental plans that conforms to the County of Los Angeles' (County) specifications is critical to successfully manage construction activities by both the contractor and the County, and a responsible contractor must be able to produce these deliverables. Bid specifications provide that if the apparent lowest bidder fails to complete acceptable deliverables, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) may determine that bidder is nonresponsible and recommend awarding the construction contract to the next apparent responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid contingent on that bidder completing deliverables that conform to the County's specifications.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provisions of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) and Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3). The recommended actions will help meet these goals by providing the residents and property owners within the Waterworks District a more reliable water supply system.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The estimated construction cost to complete this project is in the range of \$1,300,000 to \$1,600,000. Sufficient funds for the project's construction costs are included in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, General Fund (N63) Budget, and the project's soft costs are included in the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley, Accumulated Capital Outlay Fund (N64) Budget for the 2009-10 Fiscal Year.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

This project, to contract for drilling and equipping Water Well 4-85, demolishing an existing 2-million-gallon reservoir, and constructing a freeboard detention basin, is part of Public Works' ongoing program for the development of water supply sources in the Antelope Valley. It will be advertised in accordance with Section 20602 of the State Public Contract Code.

This project is to be completed in 200 working days. It is estimated the work will start in August 2010 and be completed in May 2011.

The contract agreement will be in the form previously reviewed and approved as to form by County Counsel.

The project specifications contain provisions requiring the contractor to comply with terms and conditions supporting your Board's ordinances, policies, and programs including, but not limited to: the County's Greater Avenues for Independence and General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs (GAIN and GROW), Board Policy No. 5.050; Contract Language to Assist in Placement of Displaced County Workers, Board Policy No. 5.110; Reporting of Improper Solicitations, Board Policy No. 5.060; Notice to Contract Employees of Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law), Board Policy No. 5.135; Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.203; Notice to Employees Regarding the Federal Earned Income Credit (Federal Income Tax Law, Internal Revenue Service Notice 1015); Contractor Responsibility and Debarment, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.202; the County's Child Support Compliance Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.200; the County's Defaulted Property Tax Reduction Program, Los Angeles County Code, Chapter 2.206; and the standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination or renegotiation.

The State Public Contract Code requires the County to award construction contracts to a responsible contractor with the lowest responsive bid, which is defined as the firm that: (1) submits the bid with the lowest cost; (2) is deemed by the County to be responsive to specific criteria under the solicitation including, but not limited to, licensure, bonding, and insurance requirements; and (3) is determined by the County to be a responsible bidder by exhibiting the capability, capacity, experience, trustworthiness, and financial wherewithal to perform the work required under the bid solicitation.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, criminal convictions, civil litigation, defaulted contracts with the County, complaints filed with the Contractor's State License Board, labor law/payroll violations, and debarment actions. As provided for in Board Policy No. 5.140, the information reported by the contractor will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

The plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project and are on file with Public Works.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 2, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on

November 17, 1987. This exemption includes the replacement and reconstruction of water wells and water storage facilities.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. A recommendation for award by your Board will be made after review of the bids. The contract will be awarded to a responsible contractor who submits the lowest responsive bid meeting the criteria established by your Board and the State Public Contract Code and successful completion of the deliverables provided through the consultant services agreement.

To increase contractor awareness of Public Works' program to contract work out to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

When the project is completed, it will have a positive impact by providing the residents and property owners within the Waterworks District a more reliable and efficient water supply system.

CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Construction Division.

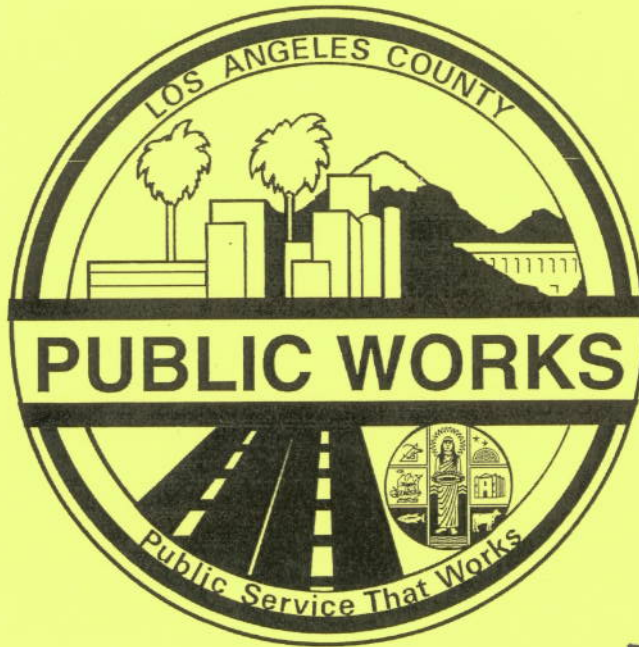
Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER
Director

GF:JTS:mt

c: Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance



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OF MAR 02 2010

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NOTICE INVITING BIDS,

SPECIAL PROVISIONS,

AND

SAMPLE AGREEMENT,

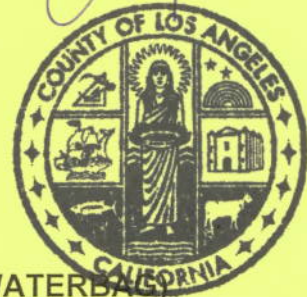
FOR

PROJECT ID NO. WWD4004045

DRILLING AND EQUIPPING OF WATER WELL 4-85 (WATERBAY)

SACHI A. HAMAI
EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND
CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

By *[Signature]*, Deputy



Approved, GAIL FARBER, Director of Public Works

By

[Signature]
Deputy Director

2/9/10
Date